

The Board of County Commissioners met in regular session at 9:00 a.m. with all members and the County Clerk present. Ulysses News Reporter, Lara Tusten was in attendance. Commissioner Shapland led the Pledge of Allegiance and Commissioner Stewart provided prayer.

Randy McCauley, Public Works Supervisor and Rick Klein, Shop Foreman, presented road grader bids. Terry Stefan, Murphy Tractor and Equipment, and Jeff Hilger, Foley Equipment, attended this portion of the meeting. Foley Equipment bid \$266,588.82, with trade in \$222,534.82; Murphy Tractor bid \$266,549.31, with trade in \$204,049.31. Later in the day Mr. McCauley and Mr. Klein returned to the meeting. Commissioners reviewed the Road Department five-year equipment plan. Kevin Shapland made the motion to accept the best bid and purchase a road grader from Foley Equipment at a cost not to exceed \$222,534.82 with trade in, and for this expense to be paid from the Road Equipment fund. Janet Stewart seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. Next, the yearly road material costs were reviewed and approved. Thirdly, Mr. Klein presented a sale offer on engine oil and hydraulic fluid. It was the consensus of commissioners to allow the advance purchase of oil at a cost of \$7,787.20. Lastly, the Public Works Supervisor requested hiring two additional part time mowers for the summer. It was the consensus of commissioners, if the budget allowed, to permit the additional hires.

Don Button, Emergency Management Coordinator, requested permission to dispose of 24 items that are broken and/or outdated. Janet Stewart made the motion to allow Emergency Management to dispose of \$20,186.34 of outdated and broken inventory. Mark McGaughey seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. Next, Mr. Button presented a quote from the only dealer in the area for emergency sirens. He requested permission to replace two sirens with either rebuilt or new. The EM Coordinator worked with Pioneer Electric and they will furnish new wood poles where needed. Kevin Shapland made the motion to purchase two used sirens from Blue Valley Public Safety at a cost not to exceed \$24,090.00; with the Emergency Management Coordinator negotiating the price of installation since Pioneer Electric will provide and set poles. Janet Stewart seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. Lastly, Mr. Button asked for clarification on what utilities, rent, and insurance Emergency Management needs to budget for in 2020. It was the consensus of commissioners Emergency Management should budget for the metal building at 1225 N. Colorado.

Discussion was held on the bid from Koehn's Country Gardens. Mr. Koehn notified the county his bid was not figured correctly. It was the consensus of commissioners if Mr. Koehn could not honor his bid Grant County would pay him for one spraying he already completed and rebid the rest. The clerk was directed to contact all bidders and request bids by May 7th meeting.

Terry Maas asked commissioners to participate with the annual fireworks display again this year. Janet Stewart made the motion to contribute \$1,000.00 toward the 2019 Fourth of July Fireworks Display. Mark McGaughey seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. Mr. Maas relayed this would be his last year to shoot off fireworks.

Janet Stewart made the motion to approve minutes for the April 2, 2019 meeting along with claims against the various funds of the county, payroll total \$137,684.13 dated April 10; voucher numbers ending 158643 totaling \$169,361.31. Mark McGaughey seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Mark McGaughey made the motion to accept the Farm Lease Agreement with Bruce Howard beginning January 1, 2020 for a term of two years on SW ¼ of Section 25-28-37, 148.3 acres; and the Farm Lease Agreement with Cecil Wright beginning April 16, 2019 for a term of two years on E ½ of SE ¼ 25-28-37, 71 acres. Janet Stewart seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Mark Hinde, President/CEO of Southwest Developmental Services, Inc. (SDSI), gave a presentation and presented the SDSI 2020 appropriation request of \$53,028.00, an increase of \$5,892.00 from the 2019 request.

Scott Kedrowski, Russell Child Development Center (RCDC), gave a presentation and presented the RCDC 2020 appropriation request of \$35,000.00, same amount as the previous year. Board Member Jose Olivas attended this portion of the meeting.

Mari Honstead, Civic Center Manager, met with commissioners. Discussion was held on the ceiling tiles in Commercial Building due to damage and appearance. It was the consensus to move damaged tiles to a far corner, so they are not so apparent. The Civic Center Manager reported a beam in the Commercial Building is starting to warp. Commissioner Shapland directed the Civic Center Manager to ask Craig Malone to look at the problem. Next, Ms. Honstead explained a shut off valve that goes out to the rodeo grounds is worn out and will not shut off anymore. It was the consensus of commissioners to discuss issues with Ruben Flores, Water Superintendent. Thirdly, discussion was held on tearing out the east foyer on the main building of Civic Center. It was the consensus of commissioners to keep the foyer and update it. A cost estimate will be put in the long-range building plan. Fourthly, quotes for two industrial refrigerators were presented. Kevin Shapland made the motion to accept the best bid from Air Comfort Consultants at a cost not to exceed \$8,450.00 for two refrigerators and installation, and for this expense to be paid from the Special Equipment fund. Janet Stewart seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. Lastly, the east double doors in the main Civic Center are needing replaced. Janet Stewart made the motion to purchase one set of double doors from Ulysses Building Supply at a cost not to exceed \$4,040.00, and for this expense to be paid from the County Building fund. Mark McGaughey seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Commissioners recessed at 11:55 a.m.

Commissioners reconvened at noon for a luncheon with the City of Ulysses Officials at Bob Wilson Memorial Grant County Hospital Meeting Room. Those attending from the city were Council Member, Ken Warner; Interim City Administrator, Alan Olson; and City Clerk, Sarah Britton. Discussion was held on water issues at the Civic Center.

Commissioners reconvened in the Commissioner Room at 1:15 p.m.

Paul Fort, EMS Director, presented one quote for leasing a computer system which includes computers, firewall, networking, support and maintenance. Janet Stewart made the motion to invest in a computer system lease program with Nex-Tech for the Ambulance Department at cost of \$815.00 per month for a term of 36 months. Mark McGaughey seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Janet Stewart made the motion to recess into executive session for 10 minutes with the County Clerk to discuss employee issues under the justification of personnel matters of non-elected personnel. Kevin Shapland seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. After 10 minutes the meeting continued in open session with no action taken.

Mark McGaughey made the motion to adjourn for the day at 2:45 p.m., to meet again in regular session at 9:00 a.m. on May 7, 2019. Kevin Shapland seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.


Sheila Brown, County Clerk




Kevin Shapland, Chairman